

ABSTRACT

ACQUISITION HISTORY

FORT HUACHUCA MILITARY RESERVATION

COCHISE COUNTY - ARIZONA

A. ACQUISITION - Military Reservation:

1. Originally declared and set apart for the post of Camp Huachuca, Arizona Territory, by Executive Order No. 35, dated October 29, 1881. No acreage recited in Executive Order.
2. Original area enlarged by Executive Order No. 38, dated May 14, 1883. No acreage recited in Executive Order. (Area covered by Executive Orders 35 and 38, determined to be 44,800 acres, comprising the Military Reservation proper)
3. Identification as Camp Huachuca was changed to Fort Huachuca, by General Order No. 2, Headquarters Military Division of Pacific Department of California in 1882 and by General Order No. 8, War Department in 1937.
4. Department of Agriculture, granted a right for source of materials for road construction, by Secretary of War, dated July 9, 1938, pursuant to the authority conferred on him by Provisions of Section 17 of the Act of November 9, 1931. Area described as E $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$, Section 4, in T22S, R2E, S4SEBAM., Cochise County, Arizona. This right was relinquished December 8, 1938.

B. ADDITIONAL ACQUISITION - Field Artillery Range:

5. Real Estate Directive No. 870, dated March 14, 1942, authorized the land acquisition for extension to Fort Huachuca Military Reservation, Arizona, containing approximately 34,960 acres, adjacent to Fort Huachuca, for use as a Field Artillery Range. Covers Tract A (which includes former tract 45), Tract B and 1 thru 44.
6. Public Land Order No. 16, dated July 21, 1942, withdrew Tract A (which includes former Tract 45), Department of the Interior Land, containing approximately 8,858.18 acres, for use of War Department as a Field Artillery Range. PLO No. 16 was limited to the duration of the national emergency, plus 6 months by Executive Order No. 9526, dated February 26, 1945, which ended October 23, 1952.
7. Agreement, dated November 2, 1942, obtained from El Paso and Southwestern Railroad Company and Southern Pacific Company, by the United States of America, for a water and gas line crossing within railroad right-of-way, East of main gate entrance at Fry. Identified as Tract 1, containing approximately .08 acres.

8. Real Estate Directive No. 670A, dated August 21, 1943, authorized fee acquisition of additional land for the Artillery Range, containing approximately 1,129.53 acres, Sections 27, 33, and portion of 34 in T20S R20E, identified as Tract 68.

9. Real Estate Directive No. 670B, dated September 7, 1943, amends Real Estate Directive No. 670, by amending acquisition of 2 parcels of land (Tracts 16 and 27, Boquillas Land and Cattle Company), from fee to leasehold interest by the Government. Acreage in Directive totals 2,661.24 acres. Area actually leased totals 2,219.92 acres. Lease No. WO4-193-ENG-3081.

10. Public Land Order No. 251, dated November 22, 1944, withdrew Tract B, Department of the Interior Land, containing 80 acres, for use of the War Department as an Artillery Range. Limited to the duration of the national emergency plus 6 months, which ended October 28, 1952, identified as Section 34, T20S, R20E.

11. Tracts 16 and 27, Boquillas Land and Cattle Company, within the Artillery Range, under Lease WO4-193-ENG-3081, were declared surplus by Surplus Real Estate Directive, South Pacific Division Surplus Directive No. 4487, Los Angeles District No. 2183, dated 23 July 1946, covering 2,219.92 acres, more or less. Lease Terminated June 11, 1947.

6. DISEPOSAL ACTION - Military Reservation and Artillery Range:

12. Fort Huachuca Military Reservation including Artillery Range, comprising approximately 76,500 acres of land, together with all improvements thereon, was declared surplus by Surplus Real Estate Directive, SPD No. 4803, Los Angeles District No. 2321, effective May 31, 1947.

13. Accountability was transferred to the Los Angeles District Engineer, by Surplus Real Estate Directive SPD No. 4805-1, Los Angeles District 2321, effective 15 September 1947.

14. Fort Huachuca Military Reservation, including the Artillery Range, all improvements thereon, and personal property was transferred to the War Assets Administration, by the Los Angeles District Engineer, effective March 30, 1948.

15. The United States of America, acting through the War Assets Administration, deeded a portion of the Military Reservation and improvements thereon, to the State of Arizona, for use of the State Game and Fish Commission, by Deed dated January 14, 1949, recorded March 31, 1949, County Recorders Office, Cochise County, Arizona. Area contains 34,259.20 acres, more or less, embracing the greater portion of the Military Reservation, excluding the Cantonment Area. Acreage not recited in Deed. Deed contained a recapture clause by the United States of America in the event of any national emergency.

16. The United States of America, acting through the War Assets Administration, by Deed, dated March 2, 1949, and as corrected by Deed, dated April 18, 1950, and Bill of Sale, dated March 2, 1949, deeded to the State of Arizona, for use of the National Guard of Arizona, the remaining portion of the Military Reservation, specifically excepted from Deed, dated January 14, 1949, and the Artillery Range, together with all improvements thereon and personal property.

Area in Military Reservation contains 10,483.41 acres, more or less. Area in Artillery Range contains 28,521.66 acres, more or less. Repossession reserved by the United States of America in the event of any national emergency.

17. The United States of America, represented by the Secretary of the Army, Quitclaimed to the State of Arizona, land and property, comprising the cemetery site within the Military Reservation and access road thereto, by Quitclaim Deed dated March 26, 1948. Area contains 57.39 acres, more or less. Repossession reserved by the United States of America.

D. RE-ACTIVATION:

18. By letter, dated January 18, 1951, from John A. McCone, Acting Secretary of the Air Force, Washington, D. C., to the Honorable Howard Pyle, Governor of Arizona, the United States of America has determined that the lands and facilities conveyed to the State of Arizona, by Deed, dated January 14, 1949, are required for purposes of National Defense. Fee title was reacquired. Land and facilities also conveyed to the State of Arizona, by Deed, dated March 2, 1949, as amended by Deed, dated April 18, 1950, are required for Military purposes. Possession only reacquired.

19. Right of Entry granted to the United States Air Force, to Fort Huachuca by letter, dated January 29, 1951, from Howard Pyle, Governor, State of Arizona, to John A. McCone, Acting Secretary of the Air Force, Washington, D. C.

Note: In connection with the reacquisition action by the letter, dated January 18, 1951, the following acreage data is presented:

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| a. | Land on which fee title was recaptured in Deed, dated 1-14-49 | 34,269.20 Acres |
| b. | Land on which possession was recaptured in Deeds, dated 3-2-49 and 4-18-50. | |
| | Military Reservation | 10,483.41 Acres |
| | Artillery Range | 4,497.51 Acres |
| c. | Land not included in the recapture by Letter, dated 1-18-51, cemetery site and access road | 57.39 |

20. Leasehold interest obtained by the United States of America from the State of Arizona, to the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16, T21S, R20E, in Artillery Range, by Lease No. DA-04-388-KNG-1468, dated August 7, 1951. Land requested to be exchanged for Public Domain 8-18-54 by Government. Totals 160 acres, now determined to be 120 acres.

21. Special Land Use Permit, dated April 2, 1951, granted to the United States Air Force, by the Department of the Interior, for land in the Artillery Range, described as E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 9; SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10; E $\frac{1}{2}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16, in T21S, R20E, GASEBAM, Cochise County, Arizona, containing 260 acres, more or less.

22. Easement dated November 26, 1952, obtained from Margaret Ziegler Carmichael, by the United States of America, for a right-of-way, for a water and gas line crossing, Fry, Arizona, Tract 463, containing .01 acres, more or less.

23. Permit No. LA-727, dated January 22, 1953, obtained from the State of Arizona, Highway Department, by the United States of America, for a right-of-way, for a water and gas line crossing, Fry, Arizona, Tracts 47P-1 and 47P-2. No acreage.

24. Lease No. LA-780, dated February 1953, obtained from Margaret Ziegler Carmichael, by the United States of America, for .33 acres of land, Fry, Arizona; lease contains option to purchase clause, by the United States of America. Tract 45 (See ES-D 5839, dated 3-11-54)

25. Real Estate Directive No. 5839, dated March 11, 1954, authorized fee acquisition of .33 acres of land owned by Margaret Ziegler Carmichael under lease No. LA-780. USA elects to exercise the option to purchase and in accordance with terms and provisions of paragraph 10 of said lease. Tract No. 45, Grant Deed, dated November 8, 1954, from Margaret Ziegler Carmichael to the United States of America, for .33 acres of land Fry, Arizona.

26. Real Estate Directive, (Unnumbered), dated March 23, 1954, transfers to the Department of the Army, Lanham Act Project No. Arizona 2-103-F, Recreation (USO) Building, Fry, Arizona, from the Housing and Home Finance Agency. Land under and adjacent to USO Building area, 220 feet by 300 feet Deeded to United States of America by Margaret Ziegler Carmichael, dated June 17, 1942.

27. Real Estate Directive No. 5864, dated March 23, 1954, transfers to the Department of the Army, Lanham Act Project No. Arizona 2-102-F, School Buildings, within Fort Huachuca Military Reservation, from the Housing and Home Finance Agency.

28. Real Estate Directive No. 5883, dated May 21, 1954, authorizes the acquisition of permanent interests in the land required for the reactivation of Fort Huachuca, Arizona, for use as an Army Electronic Proving Ground.

Estimated acreage: 14,978.72 acres, more or less
Estate to be acquired 13,858.72 acres, more or less in Fee Simple
title, from State of Arizona, by donation.

960 acres, more or less, by withdrawal
from Public Domain.

160 acres, more or less, by exchange of
State School land for Public Domain land elsewhere, and then to
be withdrawn.

29. Real Estate Directive No. 5885A, dated July 19, 1954, amends EC-D
5885, dated May 24, 1954, in that fee simple title to 57.39, comprising
the cemetery site and access road, and fee simple title to 2 acres, part
of the Artillery Range, be acquired by donation from the State of Arizona.
Permanent interests are amended to acquire:

15,918.11 acres, more or less, Fee Simple title by donation
from State of Arizona

960.00 acres, more or less, withdrawal from Public Domain.

* 160.00 acres, more or less, State School land by exchange.

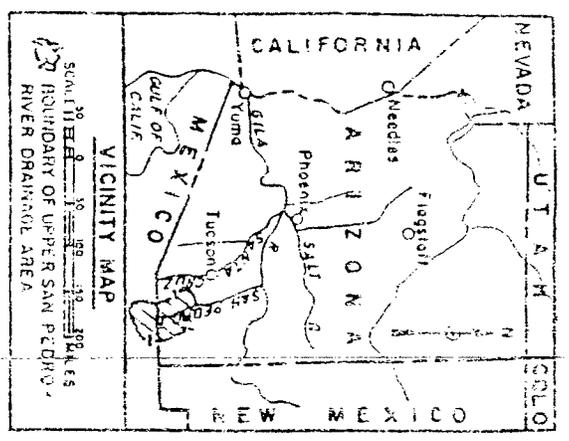
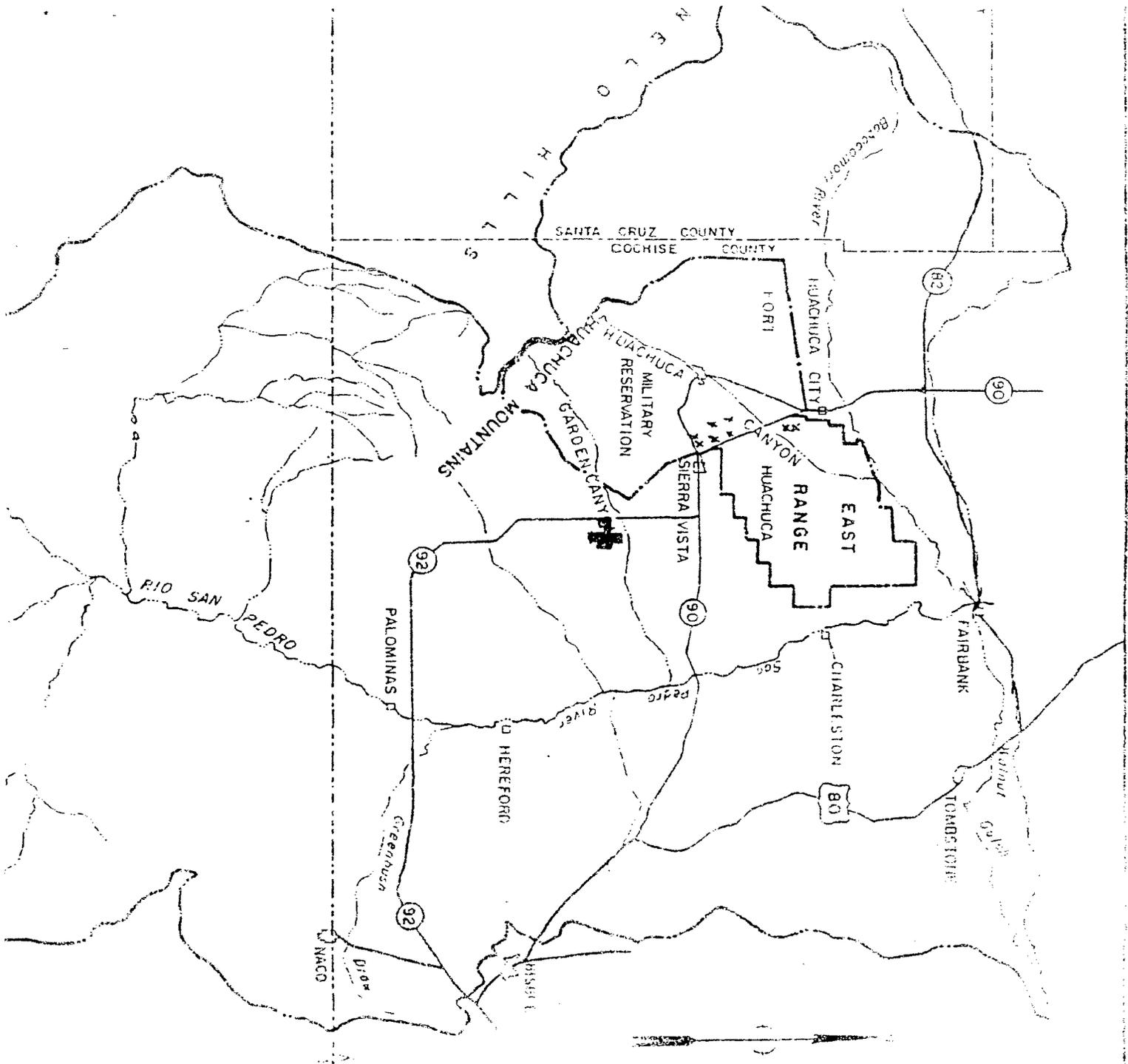
Total 15,038.11 acres, more or less.

* State School land to be exchanged determined to be 120.00 acres, rather
than 160.00 acres, withdrawal in process for 1,120 acres.

30. The State of Arizona, by Quitclaim Deed, dated September 9, 1954,
quitclaims to the United States of America, all its rights, title and interests
to the following described land and all improvements thereon, located in
Cochise County, Arizona. Said land is identified as the Cantonment area
of the Military Reservation, including the Cemetery Site and Access Road,
containing 10,540.80 acres, more or less, and 3,877.31 acres, more or less,
in the Artillery Range. See Deed for detailed descriptions.

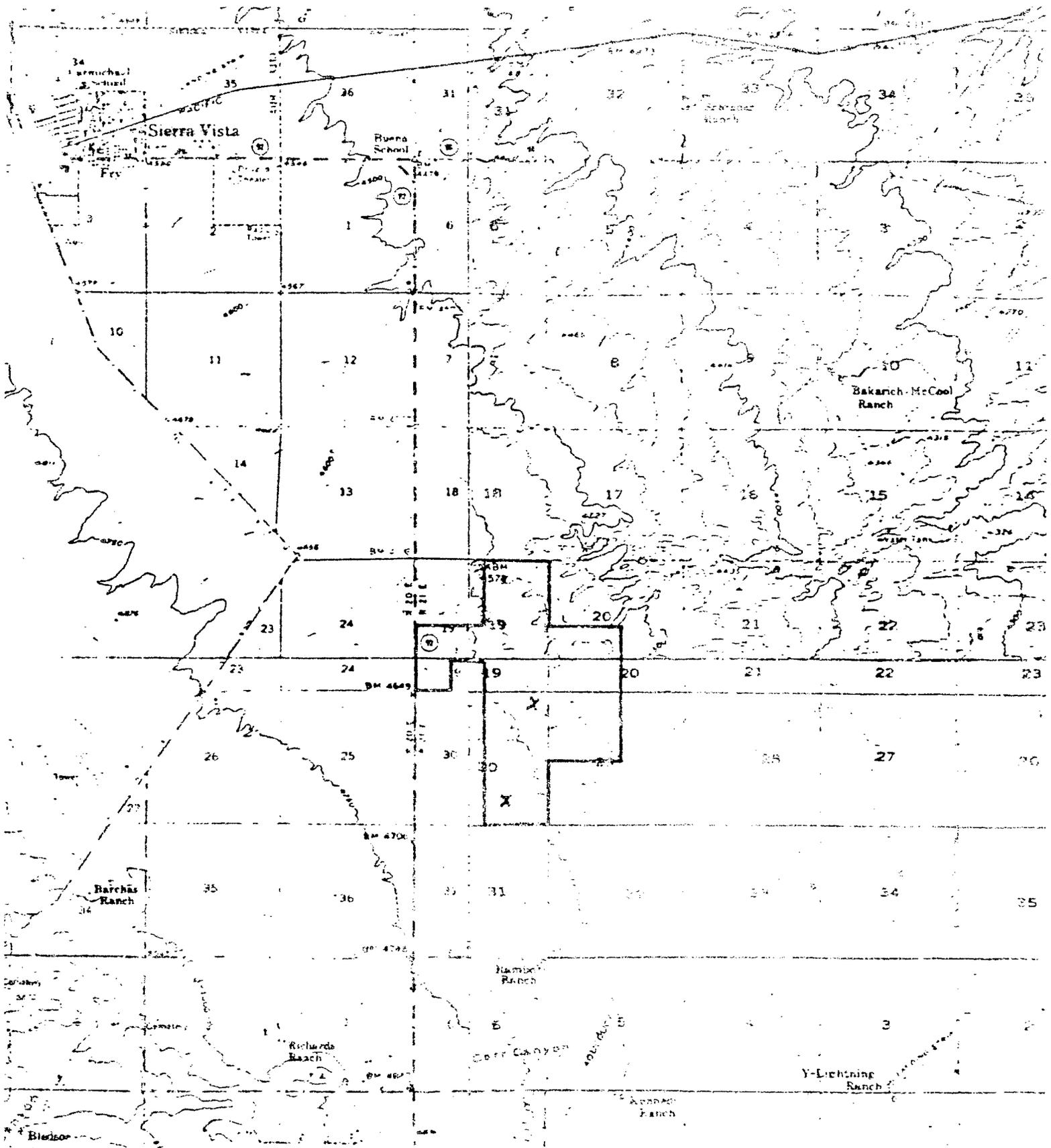
31. Executed Copy of Quitclaim Deed, dated September 9, 1954, from the
State of Arizona, has been forwarded to the Honorable Attorney General,
Lands Division, Washington, D. C., on January 20, 1953, by District
Engineers Office, Los Angeles, for examination and preliminary opinion, as
to the land described as Fort Huachuca Military Reservation, U. S. Army
Electronic Proving Ground.

32. An agreement, covering all existing trackage agreements, between the
United States of America and the Southern Pacific Company, within the
Military Reservation, is at present being prepared by the Southern Pacific
Company, for approval of the United States Government. This is as a
result of a recent conference at Fort Huachuca, between the Post Engineer,
Southern Pacific Company, and Corps of Engineers, Phoenix Real Estate
Field Office, on January 12, 1955. File reference 580.4 (Fort Huachuca,
Arizona, El Paso & Southwestern R. R. Co., Subject: Proposed Agreement
Covering Railroad Facilities at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

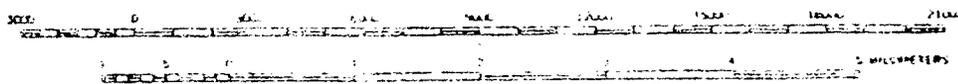
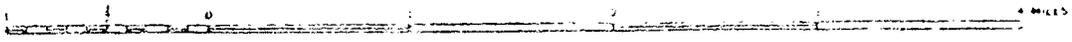


LEGEND

- DRAINAGE BOUNDARY
- FORT HUACHUCA BOUNDARY
- Place of Use
- Fort Huachuca Wells



SCALE 1:62500



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

X WELL LOCATION
 PLATE OF USE

